

MEETING OF WENATCHEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE: ELECTORAL PROCESS

November 30, 2015

WENATCHEE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

129 S. Chelan Avenue Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jean Speidel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Committee members present were Oralia Banuelos, Carolyn Case, Gustavo Montoya, Joe Morrison, Karen Rutherford, Mark Urdahl and Rufus Woods. Members absent were Susan Albert, Mario Cantu, and Alma Chacon.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2015, MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes by Joe Morrison; Carolyn Case seconded the motion. Motion carried (7-0).

IV. ASSESSMENT OF STATUS (info needed, pros, cons)

The committee then reviewed the list of pros, cons, and information needed. A discussion ensued and the committee refined the lists.

City staff will research and provide information on the following at the next meeting:

Research information on other cities (preferably similar population as Wenatchee) which have changed to districts, and see if there was an increase in the number of candidates and number of voters several elections after the initial one.

For Wenatchee, by precinct: comparison of population, CVAP, registered voters and number of votes for the November 2015 City Council elections.

For Wenatchee, based on the sample districts drawn around current City Council members by our expert, how many votes they received from voters in those districts.

For Yakima and other cities our size, by district: population, CVAP, registered

voters, votes cast.

Research any evidence that might show Wenatchee voters engage in block voting patterns similar to what occurred in Yakima.

Research how many contested races since 2000 to the present there were in Wenatchee, in real numbers and as a percentage of total races. Also, this information for similar sized cities.

V. GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR DISTRICTS

There wasn't enough time for this topic to be discussed. It will be on the next agenda.

VI. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

- Latino focus – Oralia and Alma will continue planning for a public meeting with a focus on the Latino population.
- Museum – Tammy will inquire about any available dates for a public meeting at the Museum in late January, early February.

VII. NEXT STEPS

- Assignments. The Guiding Principles were distributed for review and discussion at the next meeting
- Next meeting – Committee: December 14

VIII. ADJOURNMENT Chair Jean Speidel adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF WENATCHEE
Tammy Stanger, City Clerk